

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 126

By Massey

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Legal Aid of East Tennessee on the occasion of its fiftieth anniversary.

WHEREAS, the members of this legislative body take great pride in honoring those exceptional nonprofit organizations that provide high-quality assistance to the citizens of this State; and

WHEREAS, Legal Aid of East Tennessee is one such organization that is celebrating fifty years of providing exemplary legal assistance in twenty-six counties from Chattanooga to Johnson City; and

WHEREAS, with the mission of providing a broad scope of civil legal assistance, Legal Aid of East Tennessee was founded in order to ensure equal justice and advocacy for elderly, abused, and low-income Tennesseans; and

WHEREAS, the organization maintains offices in Chattanooga, Knoxville, Johnson City, Maryville, and Morristown; and

WHEREAS, Legal Aid of East Tennessee secures the basic legal rights of East Tennesseans by providing civil legal representation to approximately 8,000 individuals annually; and

WHEREAS, Legal Aid of East Tennessee is funded by more than thirty sources and through its annual campaign that draws support from local bar associations and members of the community; with an estimated 300,000 eligible clients in the area, the organization has a continuing need for funding; and

WHEREAS, for many individuals, Legal Aid of East Tennessee is the only resource for legal assistance in civil matters, and the organization should be recognized for its extraordinary service to the good people of Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor and congratulate Legal Aid of East Tennessee on fifty years of dedicated service to the citizens of this State, commend the organization for its many contributions to the East Tennessee region, and extend our heartfelt wishes for continued success in all future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.